Meeting Summary

Thursday August 25, 2005
Drake Conference Center
151 West Galbraith Road
Meeting Room D
8:30 AM–10:00 AM

First Suburbs Consortium OF SOUTHWEST OHIO

PARTICIPANTS:
Gary Blomberg, Montgomery
Mark Miller, Marketing Developments
Mike Hinnenkamp, Springfield Township
Chris Gilbert, Springfield Township
Susan Roschke, TEC Engineering
Peggy Brickweg, St. Bernard
Greg Kathman, HCDC
Bob Richardson, KZF Design

Andy Dobson, HCRPC

AGENDA ITEMS:
1. Review of Ohio First Suburbs Consortium press conference
2. Review and vote on Policy for Approval of Reports, Actions, and Endorsements
3. Discussion of strategic/action plan process
4. Issue 2/Third Frontier endorsement discussion
5. Eminent domain discussion (*Kelo v. New London*, Norwood case)

DISCUSSION:
(conclusions and decisions)

Agenda Item 1
Andy presented an overview of the Ohio First Suburbs Consortium press conference held in Columbus on August 10. Participation by statewide members was good and a *Cincinnati Enquirer* article about the event has Norwood and Elmwood Place thinking about joining FSC-SW. FSC members discussed an upcoming forum for gubernatorial candidates to be held this fall after the primaries.

Agenda Item 2
Chuck Kamine explained the provisions of the review and voting policy. Essentially, items for Executive Committee review and Board consideration have to be submitted and distributed to all members in advance of a regularly-scheduled meeting. The intent is to not surprise anyone with a vote.

Because there was not a quorum present, no action was taken.

Agenda Item 3
Andy updated the group regarding the Project Committee strategic plans. Draft plans are available for all committees, and the next step is to begin on action

steps. There is some uncertainty as to what the best way is to proceed from here, and members present expressed some frustration at the loss of momentum. There was general agreement that the Consortium and Board need to remain as a driving force for implementation. On the other hand, attendance has been low which makes it difficult to make progress.

Andy will schedule meetings with the Project Committees in order to develop action steps and present staff ideas for how to proceed.

Agenda Item 4
Chuck Kamine discussed the upcoming statewide vote on Issue 1 funding for local infrastructure. This year, the re-authorization for Issue 1 funds is linked to the Ohio Third Frontier Project which was defeated the first time it was presented to voters. Because of the importance of state funds for local capital and infrastructure projects to first suburbs, Chuck recommends that FSC-SW endorse the upcoming ballot initiative. He will draft an endorsement letter for the September meeting.

Agenda Item 5
Andy discussed the proposed Senate Bill 167 which would impose a 17-month moratorium on eminent domain takings across the state for economic development purposes. This would allow a task force to study eminent domain issues in detail and make recommendations for revisions (if needed) to Ohio's eminent domain legislation. There has been national uproar among private property interest groups regarding the Supreme Court's ruling in *Kelo v. New London*, and state legislatures are being pressured to limit the ability of communities to use their eminent domain powers. S.B. 167 would allow for a "cooling off" period and a more deliberate consideration of the issues before taking any legislative action.

Other Discussion
Mark Miller proposed a presentation at a future board meeting of Marketing Development's revitalization and redevelopment work in Florence, Kentucky.

Chuck Kamine proposed having occasional evening board meetings in order to draw additional attendance. Board meetings should be restructured and rescheduled to become more important events that will build interest in FSC-SW.

Andy will send a member survey around to measure interest in evening meetings.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday September 22, 2005
8:30–10:00 AM
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